

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**From:** Karen Krummel <kekrummel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** HB 5232 and SB 720

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB 5232 and SB 720. Their revised forms are just as bad as the original. Historic districts are a wonderful tool for neighborhood improvement and have been very successful. The sponsors of the bill are not involved in our neighborhoods. They are arguing that these bills are about property rights but the bills do not protect my property rights.

Just 20 years ago, our neighborhood was a blighted area which was dangerous to drive through, much less live in. It was through the hard work of a concerned group of residents that the neighborhood started to come back. The factor that assured our success was our Historic District designation. It continues to provide reasonable standards and solid guidelines which pull our neighborhood together, both on a structural level and on an interpersonal level. To this day, we depend on our Historic District guidelines to protect the very fabric of our neighborhood from investors and developers who would take advantage of our success.

Property owners in our neighborhood buy into the neighborhood knowing what the Historic District standards will require of them, but also assured of the protection that it affords them. Our neighborhood is very popular and an asset to our city. For all the talk of "property rights" that come with the proposed bills, the bills definitely do not protect MY property rights.

As a resident of a successful historic district, I would ask that you please do everything you can to oppose HB 5232 and SB 720. There are other serious problems in the State of Michigan that need your attention. Historic districts are not among them. Please get rid of these bills and move on to the next item on your agenda.

Sincerely,

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